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STATEMENT REGARDING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

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Sir:

The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing date of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional.

Respectfully submitted,

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